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June 20, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Supervisors:

**USAR WAREHOUSE PROJECT
AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
SPECS. F0002; C.P. 70591
(3-VOTES) (THIRD DISTRICT)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE THAT
YOUR BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,246,110 to PIMA Corporation for the USAR Warehouse Project, and authorize the Fire Chief of the Consolidated Fire Protection District to prepare and execute the contract in the form previously approved by County Counsel.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief to make changes to the plans and specifications as needed and approve change orders, up to an aggregate maximum amount of \$124,611 (10 percent of the construction contract amount).

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the above recommendations will allow the Consolidated Fire Protection District (the Fire District) to award a construction contract to PIMA Corporation, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Warehouse Project.

The proposed project entails construction of a freestanding 15,000 square foot pre-engineered warehouse building at the Fire District's Pacoima Complex, located at 12605 Osborne Street in the City of Pacoima. The warehouse will provide secure, protective accommodation for all USAR equipment and equipment trailers. Equipment trailers will have drive-through access in and out of the warehouse, which will enhance readiness and response capabilities in the event of an emergency.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Completion of the proposed project complies with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence to better serve the constituents in the County of Los Angeles and surrounding jurisdictions.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The lowest responsive and responsible bid was received from PIMA Corporation in the amount of \$1,246,110 on March 7, 2006 (Enclosure B). The total estimated construction cost is \$1,370,721, including the base contract cost of \$1,246,110 and a ten percent change order fund of \$124,611. The project budget of \$2,134,150 is funded by the Fire District's Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund and Operating Budget. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are enclosed (Enclosure A).

Operating Budget Impact

Upon completion of the USAR Warehouse Project, there will be no impact to the operating budget because the project replaces an existing facility.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

A standard contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the contract.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract, if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, bidders will be required to attest their willingness to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees about Board Policy 5.135, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

PIMA Corporation is in full compliance with Los Angeles Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

On January 17, 2006 your Board found that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to Section 15302 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2 of the County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption was posted by the County Clerk for a period of 30 days, from February 8, 2006 until March 8, 2006. No comments were received from the public.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

On January 17, 2006 your Board adopted plans and specifications and authorized advertising for construction bids for the USAR Warehouse Project, located at 12605 Osborne Street, Pacoima. Plans and specifications were made available to the public at the Department of Public Works in Alhambra. Twenty-nine contractors requested and received plans and specifications.

On February 22, 2006 a pre-bid conference was held on-site and seventeen contractors attended. On March 7, 2006 nineteen sealed bids were received, one of which was withdrawn from consideration. Upon evaluation of the bids, PIMA Corporation was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting the criteria adopted by your Board. PIMA Corporation maintains a five-year contracting history on file with Public Works.

To ensure the contract was awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory performance history, bidders were required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by PIMA Corporation was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998 this opportunity was listed on the "Doing Business with Us" website.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended contract as this contract is for non-Proposition A services.

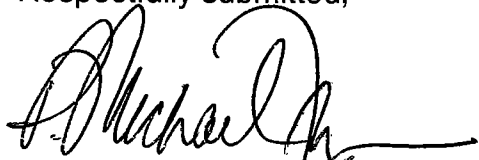
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during or after construction. California Task Force II urban search and rescue services will continue to be provided during construction.

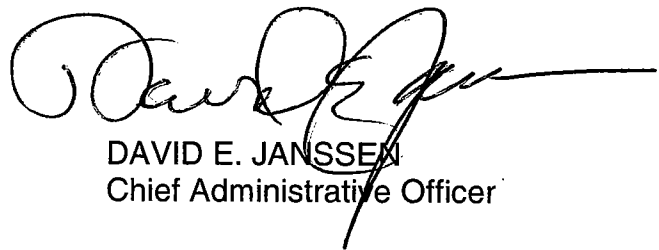
CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Officer (Capital Projects Division) and one adopted copy to the Fire District.

Respectfully submitted,



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Fire Chief



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

PMF:er

Enclosures A-B

c: Executive Officer
County Counsel
Department of Public Services
Office of Affirmative Action

ENCLOSURE A

**USAR WAREHOUSE PROJECT
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date	Revised Completion Date
Project Needs Assessment *	NA	NA
Project Feasibility *	NA	NA
Project Program *	NA	NA
Design		
Construction Document Submittal *	4/01/05	4/01/05
Jurisdictional Approval*	12/01/05	12/01/05
Construction Bid and Award	2/07/06	6/20/06
Construction		
Substantial Completion	6/01/06	11/15/06
Project Acceptance	9/05/06	1/15/07

*** Indicates completed activities.**

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Approved Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Revised Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0		\$ 0
Construction			
(a) Base Construction	\$ 1,546,923	(\$ 300,813)	\$ 1,246,110
(b) Change Order Fund	\$ 154,692	(\$ 30,081)	\$ 124,611
Subtotal	\$ 1,701,615	(\$ 330,894)	\$ 1,370,721
Equipment			
(a) Telecommunications	\$ 10,000	-	\$ 10,000
Design			
(a) Plans and Specifications	\$ 65,150	-	\$ 65,150
Consultant Services			
(a) Soil Studies	\$ 2,100		\$ 2,100
(b) Programming / Needs Assessment	\$ 38,000	-	\$ 38,000
Subtotal	\$ 40,100		\$ 40,100
Other Expenditures			
(a) Unforeseen Site Conditions/ Contingencies	\$ 100,550	\$ 323,394	\$ 423,944
(b) Deputy Inspection Services	\$ 65,000	-	\$ 65,000
(c) Affirmative Action	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000
Subtotal	\$ 168,050	\$ 330,894	\$ 498,944
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	\$ 10,000	-	\$ 10,000
County Services:			
(a) Department of Public Works – AED Services	\$ 103,235	-	\$ 103,235
(b) LACoFD Project Management	\$ 36,000		\$ 36,000
Subtotal	\$ 139,235		\$ 139,235
TOTAL	\$ 2,134,150	\$ 0	\$ 2,134,150

ENCLOSURE B

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The USAR Warehouse Building will be a freestanding 15,000 square foot pre-engineered building which will provide secure, protective accommodation for all USAR equipment and equipment trailers at the Fire District's Pacoima Complex, for an estimated construction cost of \$1,546,823.

Bid Opening Date: March 7, 2006

Bid Summary:

The lowest Final Bid (the total of the Lump Sum Bid, 90-Day Extension Overhead, and any offset from SBE Preference) was determined as the lowest bid.

Contractor's Name	Lump Sum Bid	90-Day Extension Overhead	SBE Preference	Final Bid
PIMA Corporation	\$ 1,246,110	\$ 9,000	NO	\$ 1,255,110
DuMarc Corporation	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 10,800	NO	\$ 1,390,800
4-Con Engineering	\$ 1,349,000	\$ 49,500	NO	\$ 1,398,500
Fleming Environmental	\$ 1,437,600	\$ 36,000	NO	\$ 1,473,600
Shook Building Systems Inc.	\$ 1,469,000	\$ 54,000	NO	\$ 1,523,000
Torres Construction	\$ 1,586,000	\$ 45,000	(\$ 50,000)	\$ 1,581,000
Icon West Inc.	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 18,000	(\$ 50,000)	\$ 1,618,000
PacWest Construction	\$ 1,546,000	\$ 166,500	(\$ 50,000)	\$ 1,662,500
TLD Construction	\$ 1,698,700	\$ 53,100	NO	\$ 1,751,800
TriMax Construction Corporation	\$ 1,742,000	\$ 36,000	NO	\$ 1,778,000
Metro Builders & Engineers	\$ 1,702,799	\$ 90,000	NO	\$ 1,792,799
United Contractors Co.	\$ 1,789,000	\$ 90,000	NO	\$ 1,879,000
DAB Construction	\$ 1,898,546	\$ 67,500	(\$ 50,000)	\$ 1,916,046
GB Construction	\$ 1,941,000	\$ 108,000	(\$ 50,000)	\$ 1,999,000
Abeam Construction	\$ 1,818,000	\$ 225,000	NO	\$ 2,043,000
Morillo Construction	\$ 2,085,000	\$ 90,000	NO	\$ 2,175,000
CAL-PAC Engineering*	-	-	-	-
Western Group Inc.*	-	-	-	-

* Failed to submit the correct bid form